

Processed Products Certificate (PPQ Form 578) Information

I. Purpose of the Processed Products Certificate (PPQ Form 578)

- a. "PPQ Form 578, Export Certificate, Processed Plant Products, is an accountable certificate used to certify processed plant commodities."
- b. "The purpose of PPQ Form 578 is to assist U.S. applicants whose shipments may be placed in jeopardy if such a document is not issued. PPQ Form 578 was created by PPQ to fill a void where no other government certification existed."

II. Commodities Eligible for a Processed Products Certificate (PPQ Form 578)

- a. **Only** the following commodities, and their descriptions, can be listed on a PPQ Form 578. If the product you are shipping is not specifically listed below, then the commodity may be eligible for a; Federal Phytosanitary Certificate (PPQ Form 577); Federal Re-Export Phytosanitary Certificate (PPQ Form 579); or it may be considered an "Ineligible Commodity", in which no State or Federal Phytosanitary Certificates may be issued.

i. BAGS: MADE FROM NEW JUTE

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: "**Jute (New Bags)**"

ii. FEED

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: "'insert common name of plant' **(Feed)**" Example = **Corn (Feed)**
 - a. The PPQ 578 can be used for feed products whose primary components are grains or grain products AND has had vitamins or minerals added. Some MAY also have had **small** amounts of processed animal products added.
 - b. For Feed composed, primarily, of grain or grain products with the addition of vitamins, minerals, molasses, etc., and **animal products**.
 - i. PPQ 578, and a VS 16-4 for the byproducts portion of the consignment, can be issued.

iii. FIBER BOARD

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: "**Fiber Board**"

iv. FLUFF WOOD PULP

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: "**Fluff Wood Pulp**".
2. Must be in a roll.

v. FURNITURE PARTS

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: "'insert common name of plant' **(Furniture Parts)**" Example = **White Oak (Furniture Parts)**
2. Must be: unassembled; unfinished; sanded or un-sanded wood.

vi. MOLDING: MADE FROM WOOD

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: "'insert common name of plant' **Wood (Molding)**" Example = **White Oak Wood (Molding)**
2. Definition: A shaped strip of wood used for finishing or decorating walls, furniture, etc.

vii. NEWSPRINT IN BULK FROM WOODPULP

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: **"Newsprint made from Woodpulp"**

viii. NUTS IN BULK, THAT ARE SALTED

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: **"insert common name of plant' Nuts (Salted)"** Example = **Almond Nuts (Salted)**
2. Nuts can be shelled or unshelled.

ix. ORIENTED STRAND BOARD (OSB)

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: **"Oriented Strand Board"**

x. PARTICLEBOARD

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: **"Particleboard"**

xi. PLYWOOD

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: **"Plywood"**

xii. PRESERVED PLANT MATERIAL

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: **"insert common name of plant' 'plant part if known' (Preserved)"** Examples = **Rose Petals (Preserved)**
2. Description of commodity: Plant material that has been treated with some type of preservative so that it maintains a natural look. In addition to the preservatives, the material can be dyed.

xiii. PRESSURE TREATED WOOD

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: **"insert common name of plant" Wood (Pressure Treated)"** Example = **White Oak Wood (Pressure Treated)**
2. Must be pressure treated and chemically impregnated.
3. **NOTE:** If the importing country requires a Phytosanitary Certificate (PPQ Form 577 or PPQ Form 579), and all entry conditions can be met, a Phytosanitary Certificate for this commodity can be issued.

xiv. PROTEIN: MADE FROM SOYBEANS

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: **"insert common name of plant"(Protein)"** Example = **Soybean (Protein)**

xv. THREAD WASTE FROM COTTON MILLING

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: **"Cotton (Thread Waste)"**

xvi. TOBACCO: RECONSTITUTED

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: **"Tobacco (Reconstituted)"**
2. Description of commodity: This entry refers to a type of processed tobacco sheet made from a slurry of tobacco dust, stems, and scraps. The material is ground and mixed with water to produce a slurry. During this process, additives such as flavorings may be introduced. The slurry is sprayed onto a flat surface and allowed to dry. Once dry, the product is cut into pieces that may be irregular in size and shape.

xvii. VENEER: MADE FROM WOOD

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: **"insert common name of plant' Wood (Veneer)"** Example = **White Oak Wood (Veneer)**

xviii. WOOD IMPREGNATED WITH CREOSOTE/LUBRICANTS

1. Commodity must be listed on certificate as: **"insert common name of plant' Wood (Creosote or Lubricant Impregnated)"** Example = **White Pine Wood (Creosote Impregnated)**
2. Description of wood impregnated with lubricants: The wood is, usually, kiln dried and impregnated with a non-toxic lubricant consisting of waxes and oils via a heat and pressure treatment process.
3. Note: This commodity is not eligible for a PPQ 577.

III. How to Apply for a Processed Products Certificate (PPQ Form 578)

- a. You will need to request for a Processed Products Certificate (PPQ Form 578) through the online USDA system called PCIT. The PCIT website is located at:
 - a. <https://pcit.aphis.usda.gov/pcit/faces/index.jsp>
- b. All information about PCIT can also be found on our Division's website at:
 - a. <http://www.in.gov/dnr/entomolo/4536.htm>